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it requires a certificate, it is as an additional precaution to identify persons, and will not necessarily be accepted as a guarantee of non-infection. Smallpox at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, is entirely over, and there is no longer any danger of infection from that point.

[Inclosure.]

U. S. MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF MEDICAL OFFICER IN COMMAND,
Laredo, Tex., June 21, 1899.

Owing to the prevalence and increase of yellow fever at Vera Cruz and its vicinity, and to its extension to Cordoba, the following rules and regulations will govern the entrance of persons at the port of Laredo, Tex.:

All persons from an infected locality shall be denied entry until ten days have elapsed since their last possible exposure, and all baggage disinfected five or more days prior to their entry.

Persons unable to give satisfactory evidence that they have been in a noninfected locality for the ten days immediately prior to their arrival shall be treated as persons from an infected locality.

All persons should before arrival at quarantine station be provided with certificates and other evidence as to their whereabouts during the ten days preceding inspection.

Certificates should state the existence or nonexistence of any infectious or contagious disease at locality or localities where individual has been during the ten days previous; the length of time person has resided in locality; whether immune to yellow fever; and should contain a description as well as the name of the person to whom issued, and whether personally known to the signer of certificate.

Certificates should be obtained from United States consul where possible; otherwise, from judges, mayors of cities, jefes politicos, or reputable and well known physicians. Persons having a seal should affix same to the certificates.

Certificates are not necessarily accepted to be sufficient evidence as to nonexposure of individual or baggage to infection.

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

PORTO RICO.

Quarantine of transport McClellan.

MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF MEDICAL OFFICER IN COMMAND,
San Juan, Porto Rico, June 12, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival upon the 10th instant of the United States transport *McClellan*, two days and one-half from Santiago. This vessel proceeded direct from New York, and lay twenty-four hours in Santiago harbor before coming to this port, reversing the customary route of these transports. I ordered the vessel into quarantine to complete the five day period of observation, and inclose copies of letters addressed to the adjutant-general and captain of the port upon the subject.

Respectfully, yours,

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF MEDICAL OFFICER IN COMMAND,
San Juan, Porto Rico, June 10, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to announce the arrival of the United States transport *McClellan*, two and one-half days from Santiago, Cuba, with 2 cases of fever on board, probably malarial in character. This vessel is placed in quarantine to fulfill the five-day period of observation, in accordance with the quarantine laws and regulations of the United States. I have informed the adjutant general of this department that, under proper guard, there is no objection to unloading New York freight such as hay, meat, and vegetables, provided no one is permitted to board or leave the vessel. In this connection I have to respectfully request that you detail a guard, if you deem it necessary, to enforce quarantine during the progress of this discharge of cargo. The officers of the Government on board of this vessel assured me that, under these conditions, the quarantine laws will not be violated.

Respectfully, yours,

A. H. GLENNAN,

Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Quarantine Inspector, Porto Rico.

To Commander A. S. SNOW, U. S. N.,

Captain and Commandant of the Port, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Sanitary reports from Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *June 12, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the weekly quarantine report and abstract of bills of health for the week ended June 10. In the latter report I respectfully invite your attention to the remark opposite schooner *Omega*, "issued for Guayanilla." Guayanilla is a subport of Ponce, and as there is no officer there to issue bills of health, I have always issued them for that port when requested. The port is only about 8 miles from Ponce. In the quarantine report I invite your attention to the remarks opposite the steamer *Venezuela*, wherein it is stated that the baggage of all passengers for this port was disinfected by steam and formalin. This is not strictly true as I could not disinfect all of it, but I disinfected as far as I could, and all that I thought at all dangerous or suspicious. I used steam by means of the steam chamber which was on board. The chamber was a small one, however, and so situated that everything that went into it got covered with coal dust. To put the baggage of first-class passengers into such a place was, I thought, more than even a quarantine officer could require, so I used formalin.

The general health of Ponce continues good, and the sanitary work of the board of health is advancing steadily; thorough inspections are being made of every house in the city; cesspools are being systematically cleaned; the streets are being looked after, etc. The appropriation for this work is still very little, however. There have been a few cases of measles here, and 1 case of scarlatina, with 1 case of smallpox make up the week's report of infectious diseases. I am now no longer requiring vaccination certificates for passengers leaving this port unless they are steerage. During the brief time I did require it, however, this office vaccinated about 200 people and examined and stamped, with the official seal, about 500 certificates; many of these were discharged soldiers. This office is still doing a small amount of vaccination.

The port of St. Thomas still holds a quarantine against Ponce, but from several conversations I have had with the Danish consul at this port, I hope soon that it will be raised.

I have three boxes of quarantine records for this port, which I had hoped to examine carefully before this, but the many changes I have had to make in my office have prevented me, and now that the whole